



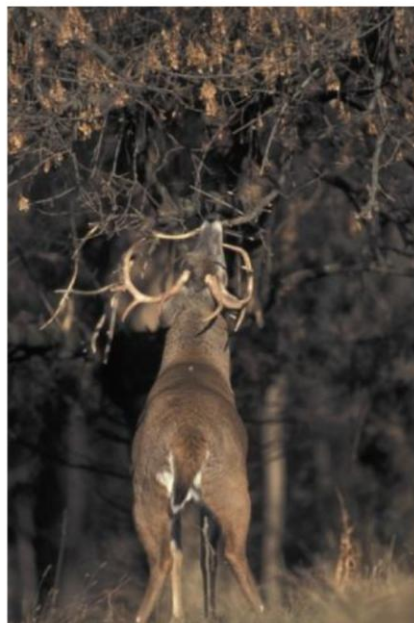
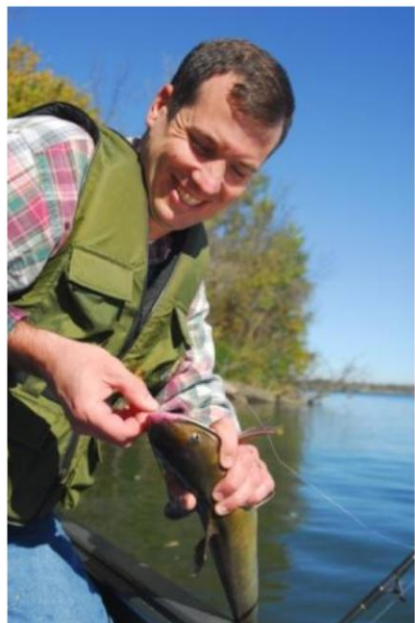
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Why are you here?

- Because you care about hunting, fishing and trapping in Iowa
- To learn about current status of hunting, fishing and trapping
- To have a say in future direction of hunting, fishing and trapping



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Your History

- Forefathers wanted a license
 - Sales began July 1, 1909
 - Few deer, turkey, giant Canada geese, and otters
 - Fishing only in rivers and natural lakes, few trout, walleye
 - Predecessors saw need to invest in outdoor recreation

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Your History

- Investment made an impact we enjoy today
 - Fish hatcheries
 - Public hunting land
 - Diverse species
- Protected license sales revenue with constitutional amendment in 1996

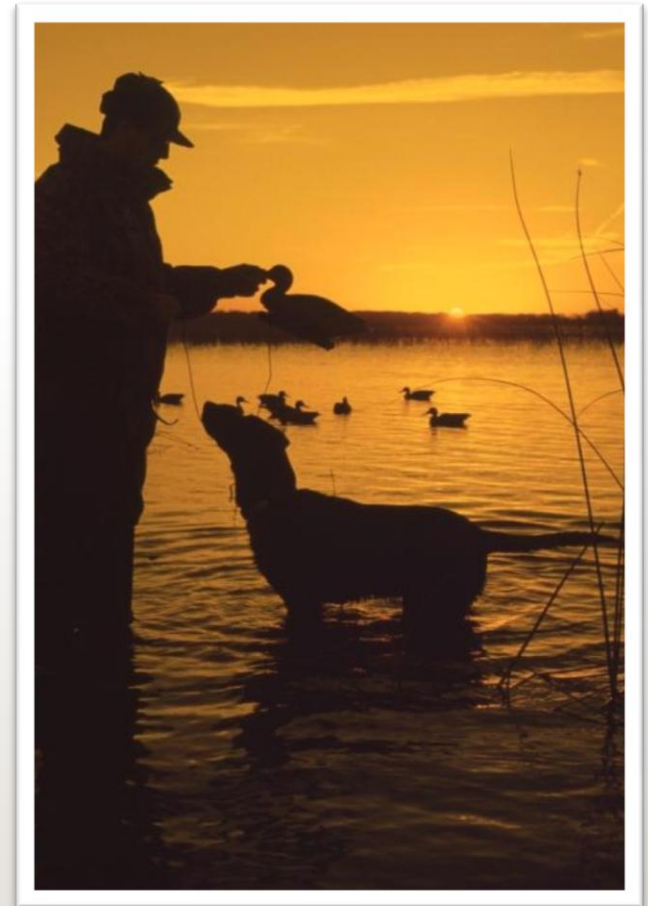


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Money spent on hunting, fishing and trapping licenses goes to

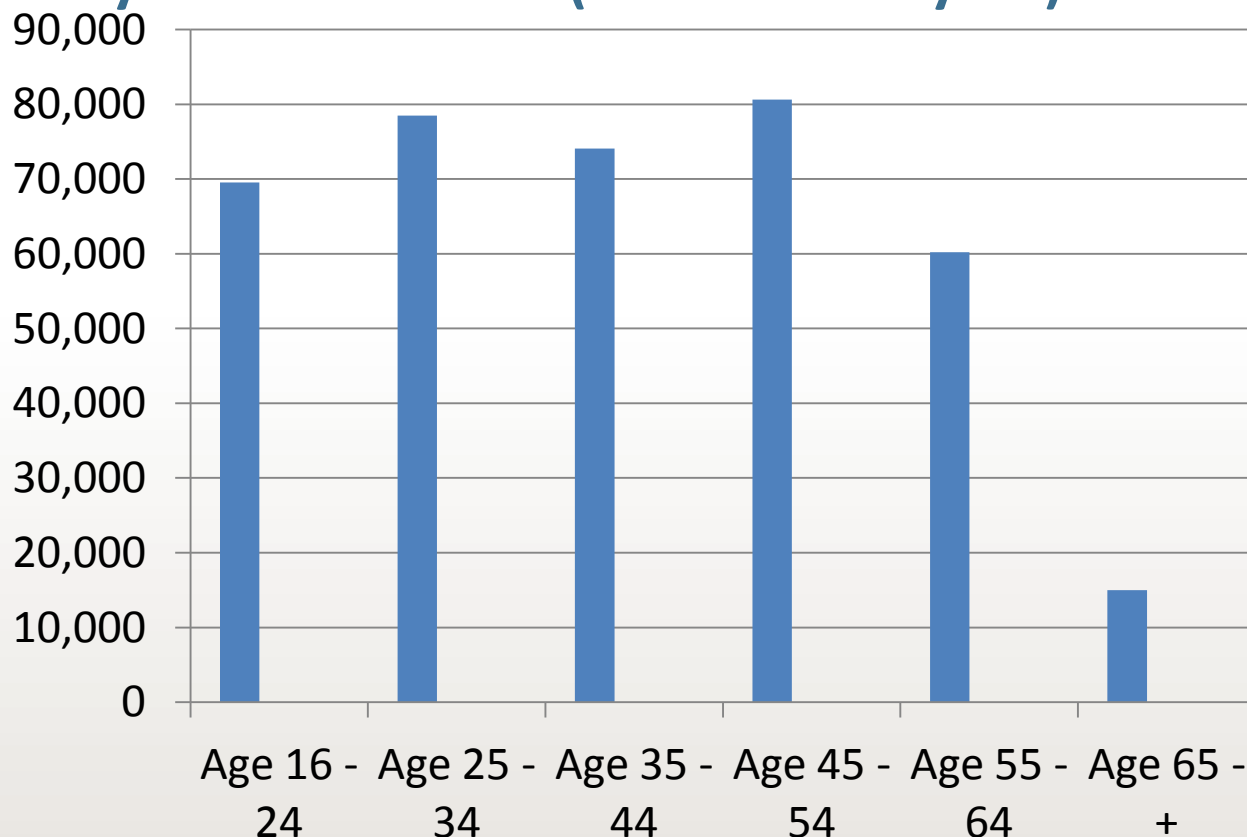
- Manage current resources
- Improve existing areas
- Expand hunting and fishing opportunities
- May only be used in support of hunting, fishing and trapping –
NOTHING ELSE



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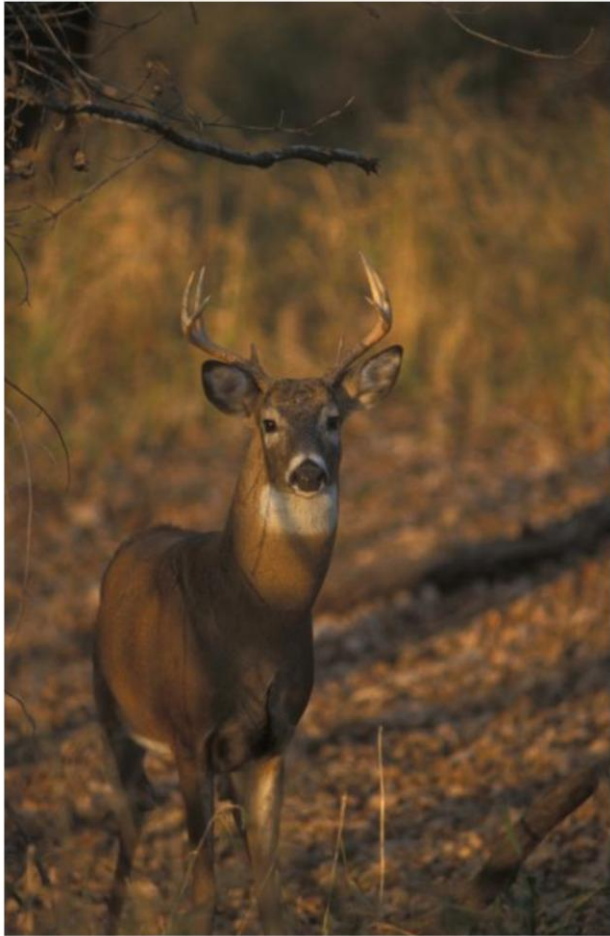
So who buys the licenses?* (2011 license year)



*Iowans aged 6 to 15 participating in hunting and or fishing in and outside of Iowa is estimated at 180,000 per year according to the USFWS 2005 survey.

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Money from sale of licenses

- Generates additional funding from the Federal Government from taxes collected on hunting and fishing supplies
- Is the **primary** source funding outdoor recreation in Iowa

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Good News Stories

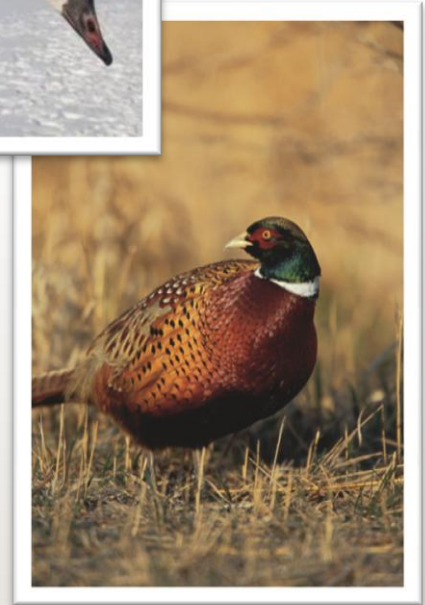
- World Class Deer Herd
- Walleye Stocking
- Giant Canada Goose
- Muskie Rearing
- Turkey Restoration
- Trout Natural Reproduction
- Hunter Ed
- Brushy Creek, Lost Grove
- Shallow Lakes Management
- Better Ways to Raise Fish
- Otter, Bobcat Seasons
- Swan, Osprey, Peregrine
- Outreach/Mentored Hunts
- Archery in Schools

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Challenges Ahead

- Maintain wildlife populations
- Access to hunting land
- Competition for customers
- Battle invasive species
- New Diseases
- Changing face of rural Iowa
- Rising cost of doing business – Static income



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Themes from 2010 Trust Fund Meetings

Roadblocks

- Access to hunting ground is a problem. Hunting leases are increasingly common.
- Competing with TV, video games, athletics, etc. to bring new youth and adults to hunting, fishing and trapping.
- Need to increase shooting sports, hunter education presence in schools.
- High crop prices, ethanol production causing loss of habitat
- Poor water quality impacts recreation
- Low pheasant population
- Invasive species/Urban expansion

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Possible ways to grow participation

- Develop ways to get you engaged in hunting, fishing and trapping
- Improve access to private land
- Reduce habitat loss, showcase best management on public land
- Improve communication and public relation to correct misconceptions
- Review license fee structure, combo licenses
- Have a dove hunting season
- Improve pheasant population

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Improve access to private land

Hunter Access pilot program

Enrolled more landowners, acres than expected

Federal program, future funding has been eliminated

Review license fee structure, combo licenses

Three year hunting, fishing or combo license

Including a third fishing pole option fee

Have a dove hunting season

First Dove Season held Sept. – Nov. 2011

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Review – Wildlife

Deer Herd

- Herd size has met goals agreed to by all members of the Deer Task Force
- Season proposal includes reduced antlerless deer harvest, fewer hunting options

Furbearers

- Proposed to increase bobcat, otter quotas

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Review – Fisheries

Trout

- Record number of trout stamps sold in 2011
- Two more self sustaining trout streams, now 36 streams covering over 63 miles

Invasive species

- Asian carp in Iowa Great Lakes

Walleye netting

- Record year (2011), followed by poor year (2012)

Less funding available for lake restoration

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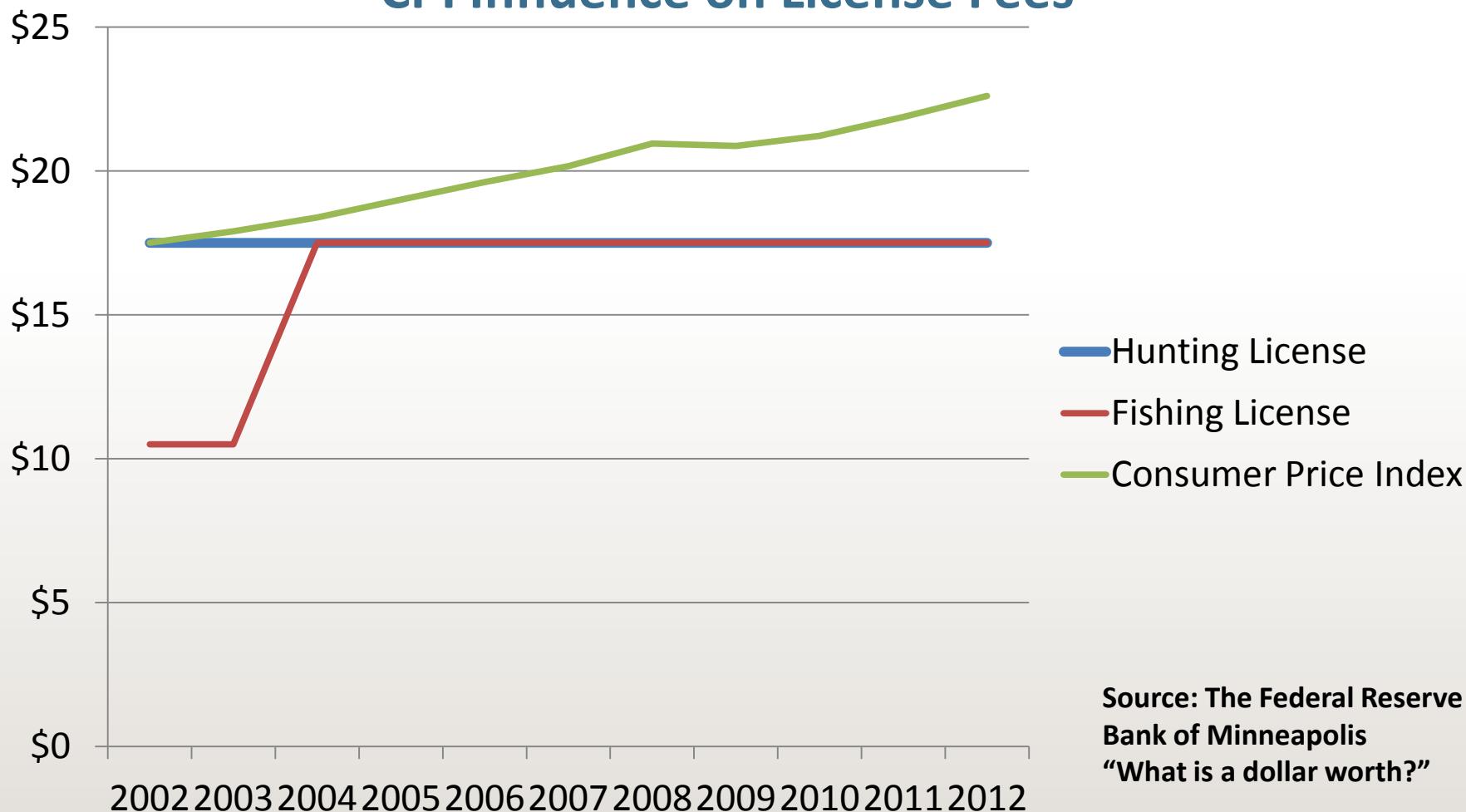
Review – State of the Trust Fund

- License fees are set by the Iowa Legislature
- Average 7 to 11 years between fee increases
- Not adjusted for inflation
- Fish & Wildlife Trust Fund will run a deficit starting July 1, 2015 if no action is taken

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CPI Influence on License Fees



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Some things increase faster than the rate of inflation

Recent changes in Iowa farmland values

Year	Value per acre	Dollar Change	Percentage Change
2000	1857	76	4.3
2001	1926	69	3.7
2002	2083	157	8.2
2003	2275	192	9.2
2004	2629	354	15.1
2005	2914	285	10.8
2006	3204	290	10.0
2007	3908	704	22.0
2008	4468	560	14.3
2009	4371	-97	-2.2
2010	5064	693	15.9
2011	6708	1644	32.5



Source: 2011 Farmland Value Survey
Iowa State University Extension
Michael D. Duffy, extension economist

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What hunting and fishing opportunities will be available to your children? grandchildren?

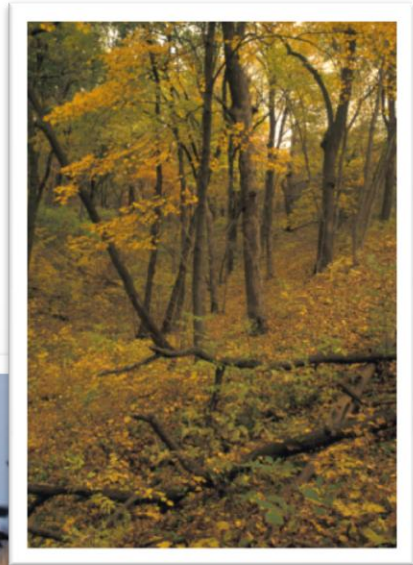
- Outside challenges - Lack of leisure time for kids
 - Demands for athletics, scholastics, work, shift in cultural acceptance for hunting
- Students in Hunter Ed
 - 2000: 14,166
 - 2011: 16, 409

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Looking ahead 10 years... 20 years...

- What will Iowa's outdoor resources look like?
- What do YOU want – hunting, fishing, trapping?
- What stands in the way?
- How can we get there?



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This is your chance –

Tell us what hunting, fishing and trapping opportunities you want not only today, but for future generations.

